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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
14 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

15 DAYMON JOHNSON,

16 *Plaintiff,*

17 v.

18 STEVE WATKIN, et al.,

19 *Defendants.*

Case No. 1:23-cv-00848-CDB

20 PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF SERVICE

21 Plaintiff files this notice of service to inform the Court that service has been executed on all  
22 Defendants in this suit, including both this lawsuit and the motion for preliminary injunction and  
23 supporting documents.

24 The undersigned counsel, Courtney Corbello, affirms that she has caused service of process  
25 on Defendants Sonya Christian, Steve Watkin, Richard McCrow, Thomas Burke, John Corkins,  
26 Kyle Carter, Christina Scrivner, Romeo Agbalog, Kay Meek, Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, and Yovani  
27 Jimenez. Returns of service can be found at Docket Nos. 14-24. All Defendants have been served  
28 copies of the summons (Dkts. 4, 9), first amended complaint (Dkts. 8-8.8) and motion for  
preliminary injunction along with its exhibits and proposed order (Dkts. 10 – 10.11), which is

1 noticed for hearing on August 24, 2023 and will be re-filed in its identical form today (except for a  
2 new filing ribbon), shortly after the filing of this Notice (Dkts. 26 – 26.11).

3 Attached to this Notice is an Affidavit of Service completed by Trisha Poffenberger,  
4 declaring that she served the aforementioned documents on the Kern Community College District  
5 (KCCD) Defendants. Sonya Christian, a state employee sued in her official capacity, was served by  
6 another process server, Clifford Black, and her return of service demonstrates she was also served  
7 the aforementioned documents. Dkt. 24.

8 Poffenberger's returns of service reflect that Defendants Corkins, Watkin, Burke, McCrow,  
9 Carter, Meek and Agbalog were served through Christian Hootman, Manager of Risk and Safety for  
10 KCCD.

11 Attached to this notice is a declaration by lead counsel, Alan Gura. Susan Galindo, executive  
12 assistant at the KCCD General Counsel's office, originally contacted Mr. Gura on June 6, 2023 and  
13 stated, via voicemail, that she was agent of process for the KCCD Defendants and that she would  
14 accept service on their behalf. Gura Decl. ¶ 5. Mr. Gura emailed copies of the First Amended  
15 Complaint to Ms. Galindo on June 7, 2023 along with a Notice and Acknowledgment form for Ms.  
16 Galindo to return in order to avoid formal service. *Id.* at ¶ 7. Despite this and two attempted follow-  
17 ups, Ms. Galindo never responded. *Id.* at ¶ 8-9. Hootman eventually accepted service of process in  
18 her place, but not until our process server went to KCCD's offices.

19 After Ms. Galindo failed to accept service, undersigned counsel obtained a process server to  
20 attempt personal service on each defendant. This was done on the same day that we filed Plaintiff's  
21 Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Dkt. 10-10.11), in order to satisfy L.R. 230(b)'s requirement that  
22 notice of a preliminary injunction motion be provided no later than 35 days before the scheduled  
23 hearing. *Id.* at ¶ 12. I provided Ms. Galindo's information to the process server, who ultimately  
24 went to the KCCD's address to effectuate service on Defendants Corkins, Watkin, Burke, McCrow,  
25 Carter, Meek and Agbalog, after initial attempts at service at their home addresses were  
26 unsuccessful. The process server informed me that, upon arriving at the KCCD Office, Christian  
27 Hootman informed her that Ms. Galindo was not available, but he could also accept service on  
28 behalf of the KCCD Defendants, which he did. Dkts. 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22. Hootman's status as

1 an agent for service of process is reflected in the attached service returns for Corkins, Watkin,  
2 Burke, McCrow, Carter, Meek and Agbalog. *Id.*

3 Thus, all Defendants have been properly served in this suit and are on timely notice of  
4 Plaintiff's preliminary injunction motion set for August 24, 2023. Although the re-filed motion for  
5 preliminary injunction and supporting documents are identical to the previously filed motion, I will  
6 be emailing an extra courtesy copy of the refiled documents to Mr. Hooten and the California  
7 Attorney General's office, along with a copy of this Notice of Service. Those emails will be sent  
8 today.

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10 Date: July 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted.

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24 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

25 I hereby certify that on July 20, 2023, I caused a copy of the foregoing pleading to be served  
26 upon counsel of record for all parties via email to:

27 Christian Hootman  
28 Agent for service of process for KCCD Defendants  
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Public Inquiry Unit  
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Agent of Service for Sonya Christian

*s/Courtney Corbello*  
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